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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN

AND
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE TOWN OF

THORNTON,

FOR THE YEAR

Ending March First,

1869.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of the town of Thornton, charge themselves as follows:—

Received on Collectors list for 1868,	\$5166 40
“ “ 1867,	5737 49
“ “ 1866,	244 10
Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1868,	387 77
Received of State Treasurer Literary Fund,	44 10
“ “ Savings Bank tax,	4 46
“ County Treasurer for support of County paupers for the year 1867,	677 97
Received of County Treasurer for support and expences of getting County paupers to Haverhill,	49 66
Received of County Treasurer for support of John Tucker and family,	21 70
Error on County tax,	33 46
Received of liquor agent, for 1867,	225 46
“ State Treasurer bear bounty,	60 00
“ Osgood Page, interest on school fund	3 00
“ liquor agent for 1868,	770 00
“ interest on Taylor fund	15 00
	\$13440 51

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of previous money not

Received on Notes.

Received of the town of Campton,	\$517 50
“ Benjamin Sanborn hired,	560 09
“ Willis M. Sanborn hired,	20 00
“ Nathaniel Boynton hired,	100 00
“ Charles H. Boynton hired,	150 00
“ from other sources,	128 23
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	\$1475 82
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	13440 51
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	\$14916 33

The Selectmen credit themselves as follows:—

Town Officers Bills.

Albert Barnard services as selectman and overseer of poor,	\$82 50
Moody B. Cone services as selectman and overseer of poor,	72 50
Henry F. Durgin services as selectman and overseer of poor,	54 25
John W. Pattee town clerk,	18 88
Albert Barnard services as treasurer,	20 00
John L. Barnard services as school committee,	30 00
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	\$278 13

Paid for Roads and Bridges.

William Straw for lumber,	\$1 50
G. W. Elliott for labor,	13 75
Daniel Peaslee for labor,	17 50
Herod Fifield for plank	1 65
A. D. Wallace for labor,	15 00
M. B. Cone for labor,	14 00
C. Ham for labor,	6 75
E. T. Whitney for lumber,	7 20
M. & D. Foss for plank	47 39

B. M. B. Sellingham for damage on rope,	3 00
G. R. Tucker for labor,	7 50
F. W. Avery “	6 25
Jonathan Dustin “	50 75
E. T. Whitney “	3 25
E. G. Sargent for plank,	2 50
E. G. Sargent for labor,	7 00
Lewis Sargent for labor,	5 62
Jesse Hart for lumber,	27 00
N. Boynton for plank,	9 00
F. W. Avery for lumber,	7 41
D. Merrill for damage on plough,	1 65
Benjamin Tucker for labour,	6 00
H. F. Durgin as per bill,	6 75
Moses Sargent for labor,	10 00
F. Bartlett for labor,	4 00
C. H. Weeks for labor,	4 75
Jesse Hart for labor,	10 00
O. H. & O. F. James for plank and timber,	40 99
S. Merrill for labor,	7 00
H. Robie for labor,	50

\$345 66

Roads and Bridges for 1867.

David P. Robie for labor,	\$15 00
Lewis Kendrick “	5 00
G. G. Pattee for lumber,	2 00
E. G. Sargent for labor	4 42
H. S. Pettingell “	6 50
Thomas Colby “	4 50
T. J. Gilman “	3 00
Moses Wood “	7 67
G. W. Hackett “	3 00
H. H. Constantine “	9 00

C. Hussey for plank,	1 40
S. Sanborn for labor,	10 00
Moses Page “	2 00
Dexter Merrill timber,	3 00
H. Robie labor,	12 65
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	\$89 14

For Support of Paupers.

Frank Fisher as per bills,	\$36 04
Hannah Cleiment	46 80
John Evens as per bills,	51 00
Jerry Lyford as per bills,	198 00
Sarah Payne doctor's bill,	9 50
John Boynton and wife,	141 81
Stephen Foss as per bill,	66 50
Hiram Page for board	96 20
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	\$645 85

Pauper Bills for 1867.

J. Moulton for digging grave,	\$1 50
Robert McCoy for board,	47 87
Jerusha Hart for board,	73 85
Mary Whitney as per bills,	13 28
Richard Pattee “	26 43
Hiram Page for board,	96 20
Frank Fisher as per bills,	42 70
John Boynton and wife,	170 00
Hannah Clement	46 80
James Adams as per bill,	22 50
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	\$541 13

County Pauper Bills for 1868.

Asa Durgin and wife as per bills,	\$57 33
Time and expences of getting County paupers to Haverhill,	49 65
Asa Durgin as per bills,	2 50
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	\$109 48

County Pauper Bills for 1867.

Asa Durgin as per bills,	\$107 99
Betsy Calden,	3 58
Jane Carlton,	13 60
Jacob Benton as per bills,	40 55
Knowles family “	127 14
Annett Sabatee “	31 27
Violia Tucker “	16 93
Polly Ham not a voucher,	16 97
Anna Tucker,	6 00
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	\$364 03

Paid on Notes.

John Carlton,	\$67 79
Jacob Percival,	82 78
John Carlton,	100 00
A. P Wood,	63 00
Thomas Straw,	39 04
Danforth Foss balance on note,	21 81
David P. Foss,	46 84
Peter Walker note and interest,	234 60
Meredith Bridge Savings Bank,	109 50
Melinda Wilcomb,	15 00
Sarah A. Hornerans balance on note given Stephen Merrill,	520 10
Julia Donivar,	200 00

S. Blanchard on note given to Liman Jacman,	300 00
Thomas Straw,	15 00
Albert Barnard balance on note given to R. D. Pettingill,	290 10
Albert Barnard endorsed on note given to R. D. Pettingill,	100 00
H. L. Johnson,	45 00
S. Sanborn,	46 79
J. B. Sanborn endorsed on C. Sanborn note,	42 34
J. W. Morrison balance on note given to Joseph Morrison,	81 87
Joseph Sanborn,	18 76
Romanzo Jolinson,	101 00
Peltiah Russell,	58 70
Jason J. Ladd balance on note given R. D. Pettingill,	188 27
Chase Moulton balance on note given to Luther B. Pillsbery,	82 16
David Boynton,	25 00
George Garland,	88 00
Jane Clark,	10 00
George W. Kenniston,	273 88
Russell Dearborn,	100 00
N. Blake balance on note	36 93
Wm. P. Robinson note on interest given to H. H. Constantine,	103 66
A. Calden,	45 00
Mehitable Foss,	37 69
Henry Thornton balance on note,	33 74
Mehitable Foss,	40 00
Mehitable Foss,	25 00
Meredith Bridge Savings Bank,	109 50
S. R. Chase note and interest,	1082 72
Langdon Foss balance on note,	37 35
Charles Sanborn balance on note,	33 99

A. P. Wood,	138 85
Joseph Sanborn balance on note,	18 57
Carroll County National Bank,	183 25
Carroll County National Bank,	183 10
A. Barnard endorsed on note given to William Whitney,	600 00
Smith Rowe,	98 41
S. G. Davis,	8 04
S. G. Davis,	6 47
J. B. Sellingham,	26 93
J. W. Potter endorsed on note,	15 00
Dexter Merrill endorsed on note,	100 00
B. M. B. Sellighan endorsed on J. H. Peaslee note,	28 05
S. Rowe endorsed on note,	31 60
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	\$6394 63

School Money.

William Merrill, Agent District No. 1,	\$80 00
F. H. Drew, " " 2,	76 94
Danforth Foss, " " 3,	45 90
Frank Chase, " " 4,	72 69
E. G. Guilford, " " 5,	85 92
J. L. Barnard, " " 6,	86 70
Hiram Merrill, " " 7,	54 78
Robert O. Dickey, " " 8,	49 02
N. S. Woodbury, " " 9,	57 58
J. G. Pattee, " " 11,	45 00
Moses Sargent, " " 12,	45 60
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	\$700 13

Miscellaneous Bills.

I. H. Wyatt bear bounty,	\$4 00
Charles Cutter running line,	3 00

E. P. Elkins bear bounty,	4 00
E. P. Elkins bear bounty,	12 00
J. Percival watering trough,	3 00
Wm. Willey watering trough,	3 00
M. W. Tappan council on division of town,	25 00
E. Emmans bear bounty,	4 00
Building Committee district No. 10,	406 32
G. Lovejoy services to Concord,	19 20
Moses Steel watering trough,	3 00
N. Clay board of Selectmen,	3 50
C. Hussey time and expenses to Concord,	16 65
Wm. Willey watering trough,	3 00
J. Colby watering trough,	3 00
Benjamin Tucker bear bounty,	8 00
J. Chapman to running line,	1 50
C. F. Bowen taking affidavit,	1 00
C. F. Bowen witness on Campton bridge,	5 00
I. H. Wyatt bear bounty,	4 00
Joseph Clark council and money paid out,	93 00
N. L. Page bear bounty,	4 00
D. L. Guernsey stationery,	5 99
J. M. Moulton watering trough,	3 00
F. Bartlett damage on highway,	20 00
Stephen Merrill bear bounty,	4 00
Paid for liquors as per bills,	784 32
C. F. Bowen taking affidavit,	1 50
H. F. Durgin as per bills,	19 00
M. B. Cone as per bills,	33 76
A. Barnard as per bills,	62 50

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Auditors as per bills,	10 25
Enoch Gilman Bear bounty,	4 00
H. F. Durgin interest as per bill,	2 50

\$1579 99

Paid for Building Covered Bridge.

Shubael Sanborn,	\$5 00	F. A. Mitchel,	\$228 75
S. A. Foss,	45 00	Russell Bill & Co.,	9 45
J. T. Bradley,	22 50	Weeks & Campbell,	5 08
Samuel Dolloff,	31 50	Russell Bill & Co.,	16 73
Elijah Mitchel,	21 00	American Bolt Co.,	56 88
O. F. James,	585 33	American Bolt Co.,	401 37
E. Emmons,	15 92	Dexter Merrill,	15 00
Freight on bolts,	16 08	H. L. Thurston,	42 00
O. H. James,	114 00	S. D. Fadden,	22 00
G. L. Proper,	19 38	Edward Pattee,	10 00
C. H. Mitchel,	9 25	H. Robie,	18 63
R. J. Plumer,	1 00	Moses Page,	65 00
G. W. Michel,	9 00	Jonathan Gilman,	5 00
J. M. B. Rogers,	38 25	C. F. Bowen,	68 13
J. M. Fogg,	37 00	P. McDeormaid,	12 50
Hiram Moulton,	7 00	D. P. Foss,	38 00
George W. Hacket,	80 00	J. B. & Smith Rowe,	78 90
W. P. Robinson,	1 75	L. W. Dargin,	18 00
E. M. Whitney,	26 00	E. D. Wilcomb,	26 00
H. C. Lyford,	12 00	R. A. Fifield,	17 00
Freight on bolts,	2 77	M. L. Page,	35 00
Dexter Corlis,	37 00	D. P. Robie,	7 00
Jonathan Dustin,	105 00	H. F. Durgin,	10 00
Reuben Philbrook,	18 77	M. B. Cone,	35 30
M. B. Holmes,	15 00	A. Barnard,	106 75
S. Sanborn,	52 00		
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			\$2675 89

Recapitulation.**Dr.**

Received of Collectors lists 1866-7-8,	\$11147 99
Received on notes,	1475 82
Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1868,	387 77
From all other sources,	1904 75
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	\$14916 33

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Town Officers bills,	\$278 13
Roads and Bridges,	434 80
For support of paupers,	645 85
For support of paupers 1867,	541 13
County pauper bills 1868,	109 48
County pauper bills 1867,	364 03
Paid on notes,	6394 63
School money paid,	700 13
Miscellaneous bills,	1579 99
Covered bridge bills.	2675 89
Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1869,	1192 27
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	\$14916 33

Due on Notes.

Albert Barnard,	\$1800 00
Timothy Cheney,	923 00
John Kenniston, George Whitney note,	367 00
Peter Walker.	2300 00
Mary E. Walker,	233 00
Lyman Jackman,	310 00
Russell Dearborn,	238 00
A. L. Shaw,	163 00
John Pattee,	636 00
Daniel Blaisdell,	723 00
Melinda Wilcomb,	550 00
Smith Robie,	100 00
Nancy J. Fellows,	138 00
John Barnard,	111 00
Mary D. Way,	126 00
Lyman Avery,	134 00
Nancy Merrill,	282 00
Mary Sweet,	153 00
J. Quincy,	70 00

-Hazen Smith,	108 00
-Carroll County. National Bank,	5000 00
-Meredith Bridge Savings Bank,	3000 00
-Stephen Vincent,	14 00
-Jeremiah Gilman Estate,	335 00
-Arthur Merrill,	620 00
-Emily A. Langly,	181 00
-Jesse H. Peaslee,	1130 00
-J. B. Sellinghan,	1091 00
-W. B. Durgin,	11 00
-Mehitable Foss,	200 00
-B. M. B. Sellinghan,	102 00
-G. W. Garland,	200 00
-Romanzo Johnson,	922 00
-E. D. Lyford,	237 00
-Jane Clark,	22 00
-Nathaniel Batchelder,	1818 00
-Samuel Kenniston,	1780 00
-Charles Shute,	43 00
-William A. Smith,	498 00
-L. B. Shute,	154 00
-Julia Donovan,	358 00
-S. G. Davis,	337 00
-Shubael Sanborn,	156 00
-Sarah A. Homerans,	621 00
-E. G. Foss,	1005 00
-Thomas Straw,	15 00
-D. P. Foss,	121 00
-A. P. Wood,	592 67
-William F. Woodbury,	128 00
-Alonzo Kenniston,	917 00
-Benjamin Sanborn,	959 00
-George W. Kenniston,	4175 00
-Mrs William Foss,	1540 00
-A. A. Durgin,	121 00
-John Carlton,	183 00

- Willis M. Sanborn,	20 00
- Nathaniel Boynton,	100 00
- N. H. Weeks,	1700 00
- Charles H. Boynton,	150 00
- O. F. James,	200 00
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	\$40221 00

Assets.

- In Treasury,	\$1192 27
/ In Collectors hands for 1868,	2808 62
- Town of Campton,	1025 00
- County Treasurer,	1000 00
Interest due on Taylor fund,	136 00
- From State bear bounty,	20 00
/ In Collectors hands for 1867,	1698 56
3 In Collectors hands for 1866,	114 64
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	\$7995 09

Amount of liabilities	\$40221 00
Less Assets,	7995 09
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	\$32225 91

Statement of Taylor Fund.

C. F. Bowen farm,	\$205 00
R. A. Horner,	63 17
M. B. Cone,	37 50
J. Gilman Estate,	225 36
Joseph G. Pettee,	250 00
N. H. Weeks,	265 00
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	\$1046 03

School Fund.

Town of Thornton,	\$1262 50
Osgood Page,	50 00
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	\$1312 50

ALBERT BARNARD, } *Selectmen*
M. B. CONE, } *of*
HENRY F. DURGIN. } *Thornton.*

We the undersigned having examined the accounts of the Selectmen of the town of Thornton, for the year ending March 1st 1869, find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

The bills for the county paupers were not vouched, owing to their not being in possession of the Selectmen for 1867. They are now in the hands of the County Commissioners.

WILLIAM MERRILL, } *Auditors.*
F. H. DREW. }

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Report of the School Committee.

District No. 1—one term. Taught by Miss Nellie P. Bryant of Woodstock. Length of school twelve weeks; whole number of scholars forty. This was the largest school in town, and apparently the hardest to govern. The scholars that attended regularly through the term, made good progress in their studies. But from some cause unknown to your committee, there was quite a falling off, in attendance during the latter part of the term. Order rather deficient. Register neatly filled.

District No. 2—first term. Taught by Miss Clara M. Colby of Concord. Length of school eight weeks; Whole number of scholars fifteen. This was Miss Colby's first school. The scholars appeared to love their teacher and considerable improvement was made, although the order was deficient.

Second term. Taught by Miss Juliet Plummer. Length of school twelve weeks; whole number of scholars twenty-eight. Miss Plummer labored hard and with good success to make this a profitable school. Good order was maintained, and improvement made in all branches. Register neatly filled.

District No. 3—one term. Taught by Miss Lizzie P. Southmayd. Miss Southmayd is a good teacher. But the scholars did not make as much improvement as they would under different circumstances. It cannot be expected that scholars can make great advancement in a school room, where both teacher and scholars are under the necessity of constantly wielding a large bush to defend themselves from the attack of mosquitos, as was the case in this school.

District No. 4. There were two terms taught by Miss Mary E. Langdon of Plymouth. Length of first term five weeks; second term nine weeks; whole number of scholars during first term fifteen; during second term fourteen. These

were model schools in every respect. Scholars under Miss Langdon's charge cannot pass over any thing until it is thoroughly understood. She is an experienced teacher, having taught school most of the time for twenty years.

District No. 5—three terms. First term taught by Miss Annah M. Philbrook. Length of school five weeks; whole number of scholars eight. This was Miss Philbrook's first effort in teaching. She was quite successful. Fair improvement made. Deportment of scholars good. With a little more energy and experience, Miss Philbrook will make a first rate teacher.

Second term also taught by Miss Annah M. Philbrook. Length of school five weeks; whole number of scholars sixteen. This term came to rather an abrupt termination, and no notice was given of its closing. Consequently it was visited only at its commencement. The scholars appeared to be interested in their studies, and their deportment was good. Undoubtedly good improvement was made.

Third term. Taught by Miss Emilie N. Morrison of Campton. Length of school four weeks; whole number of scholars fifteen. Miss Morrison is a prompt and energetic teacher. Good order was sustained, and good improvement made in all branches; particularly in reading.

District No. 6—one term. Taught by Miss Mary R. Selingham. Length of school seventeen weeks; whole number of scholars sixteen. The scholars respected their teacher, were interested in their studies, and made good progress in all branches. Register neatly filled.

District No. 7—one term. Taught by Miss Annie L. Boynton. Length of school fourteen weeks; whole number of scholars eighteen. Scholars orderly and quiet, and most of them made good improvement.

District No. 8—one term. Taught by Miss Juliette Plummer. Length of school eleven weeks; whole number of scholars twenty six. This as usual with Miss Plummer's schools, was a profitable one. Good order was established at the commencement, and sustained throughout the term. Good progress made in all branches. Register neatly filled.

District No. 9—first term. Taught by Miss Lizzie S. Sanborn. Length of school six weeks; whole number of scholars seventeen. Deportment of scholars good, and good progress made. Some of the scholars were embarrassed, but on the whole the recitations were good.

Second term. Taught by same teacher. Length of school

six weeks; whole number of scholars fifteen. Miss Sanborn has generally been a successful teacher, and she labored hard to make this a profitable school, but failed to maintain as good order as should have been. Good improvement made in reading. Recitations in arithmetic not as thorough as was desirable. Miss Sanborn labored under a disadvantage in not having a blackboard in the schoolroom.

District No. 11—one term. Taught by Miss Lizzie S. Sanborn. Length of school nine weeks; whole number of scholars fifteen. This was a profitable school. Good order was sustained, and the scholars were united in their studies, and learned finely. The fault was that some of the scholars appeared to have rather weak lungs.

District No. 12—one term. Taught by Miss Louisa Christenot. Length of school twelve weeks; whole number of scholars twenty-four. The scholars were quiet and attentive and interested in their books. Good progress made.

On the whole, the schools in town for the past year, have been of a commendable character. I have endeavored to impress upon the minds of both scholars and teachers, the importance of thoroughness in all branches, of not passing over any principle until it is perfectly understood. And with very few exceptions this theory has been adhered to. I think in some districts the money might have been more profitably expended, by not having so many terms. And I would recommend to Prudential Committees, that, in districts where there is not money enough to support than ten or twelve weeks of school in a year, that they have but one term, instead of two or three as has been the case in some districts the past year.

JOHN L. BARNARD,
School Committee.

